

Russell Wilgis House  
1927 Churchville Road  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Russell Wilgis house

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1927 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

21014

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Russell Wilgis

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1927 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: DGW 211

Folio #: 466

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE  
Maryland

21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Two stories and el-shaped, this mid-19th century frame house is located on the south side of MD Rte. 22, between Fountain Green Road (MD Rte. 543) and Shucks Rd. Now covered in asbestos shingles, the house has a gable roof and is set on a low stone foundation. Three bays wide and one room deep, the main section has an exterior brick chimney on the west end. The west side of the el, which is two bays long and one room wide, and the west end of the main section are flush. At the juncture of the el is a one-story, shed-roofed addition. Except <sup>for</sup> the first story windows on the north facade which have 6/1 sash, all windows have 6/6 sash with narrow, beaded trim. They apparently had shutters at one time.

Spanned by a hip-roofed porch, the north facade of the main section has an entrance in the center bay with windows ranged symmetrically around it. The porch has turned posts and carved brackets. ~~The east side~~ <sup>end</sup> has a six light gable window, one window in the second story, and two in the first.

The west end has two windows in both stories flanking the chimney.

The south facade, covered on the west by the el, and in the first story by the shed-roofed addition, has two windows in the second story.

The north el has one window in each story of the west side, and one window in the second story of the east side. The ~~east~~ <sup>South</sup> end has one window in the second story and two in the first.

The shed-roofed additon has a vestibule in the west and a six-light window in the east of the ~~north~~ <sup>South</sup> facade. There is one window in the east side.

Inside, the plan has two rooms with a central staircase in the west room. When the house was used as an inn, there was a staircase in the northeast corner of the east room. The basement joists are full logs with bark on them. The attic has sawn rafters with a ridge.

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## Footnotes

1  
ALJ 22/441

2  
ALJ 24/427

3  
ALJ 38/271

4  
ALJ 42/56

5  
DCW 206/149

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Will Records of Harford County  
Interview with Russell Wilgis 1979

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

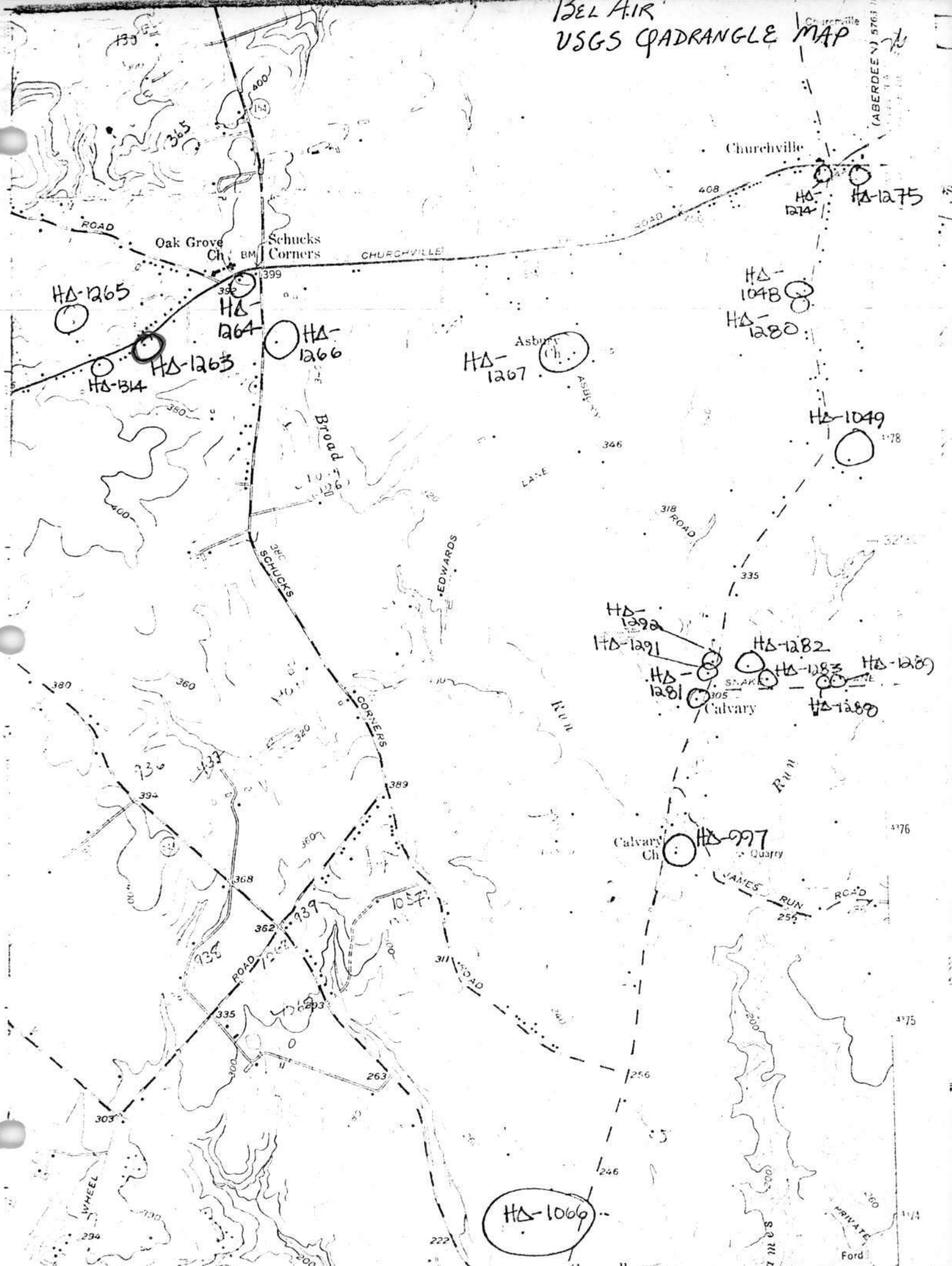
Russell Wilgis House

HA-1263

DGW	211/466	April 20, 1929	Grantor: Elizah R. & Ida E. Wilgis Grantee: Russell O. & Katherine M. Wilgis Acreage: 12 Acres
DGW	206/149	September 22, 1927	Grantor: Mary R. Hamby, widow; Edward W. & Elnora Hamby; Frank & Grace H. Hamby; Lula & Henry Rembold; Anne E. & Patrick V. Cunningham (Heirs of Benjamin Hamby, deceased) Grantee: Elijah & Ida Wilgis Acreage: 12 Acres
ALJ	42/56	December 27, 1880	Grantor: John & Joanna Swope Grantee: Catherine F. Harwood Acreage: 12 Acres, 1 road, 26 perches Sum: \$1600
ALJ	38/271	December 12, 1978	Grantor: J. Thomas C. Hopkins Grantee: John Swope Acreage: 14 Acres Sum: \$1000 Parts of "Isaac & John's Lot" "Howard's Forest", "Matthew's Neighbor" and "Neighborhood"
ALJ	24/427	November 2, 1870	Grantor: Catherine Carroll Grantee: Johanna Tobin Acreage: 18½ acres Sum: \$1700 Parts of "Isaac & John's Lot" "Howard's Forest", Matthew's Neighbor" and "Neighborhood"
ALJ	22/441	September 3, 1869	Grantor: Jeremiah Y. & Alice L. Maynadier/ Catherine Woolsey, Sophia Woolsey, Elizabeth Woolsey, Rebecca Woolsey (heirs of Henry Woolsey & Jason M. Woolsey, both deceased) Grantee: Catherine Carroll Acreage: 18½ Acres, 6 perches Sum: \$1682.50 Parts of "Isaac & John's Lot", "Howard's Forest", Matthew's Neighbor" and "Neighborhood"

&amp; Wm. Woolsey

(ABERDEEN) 5763







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Russell Wilgis House

Bel Air, MD 21014

N. Shivers

February, 1979

Northwest



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February, 1979  
Southeast

# **Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**

Inventory No. HA-1263

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**Name of Property: Russell Wilgis House**

**Location: 1927 Churchville Road, Bel Air, Maryland**

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The property at 1927 Churchville Road, in Bel Air, Maryland, was visited and documented in May 1979 by staff of the Harford County Historic District Commission. The 1979 documentation effort resulted in the completion of a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form, with a description and historic context. EHT Traceries, as subcontractor to TRC Environmental Corporation, was tasked in June 2012 to revisit the site and prepare a Determination of Eligibility as part of a Historic Standing Structures Investigation (BCS 2010-02D). The Maryland Highway Administration (SHA) proposes to make improvements to MD 22 (Churchville Road) from the west of Prospect Mill Road to Thomas Run. The property at 1927 Churchville Road is located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed work.

On June 6, 2012, EHT Traceries visited the property at 1927 Churchville Road, which is known as the Russell Wilgis House. The on-site survey, together with historic and recent aerial views and photographs from the 1979 MIHP form, determined the Russell Wilgis House was no longer extant. An interview with a local resident verified that demolition of the house had occurred "in the last couple months." A single black-and-white photograph and one color digital image of the now-vacant lot were taken at the time of the on-site visit.

## **Section 3: Owner of Property**

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company  
BGE Tax Plan & Compliance Unit  
110 West Fayette Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

## **Section 4: Location of Legal Description**

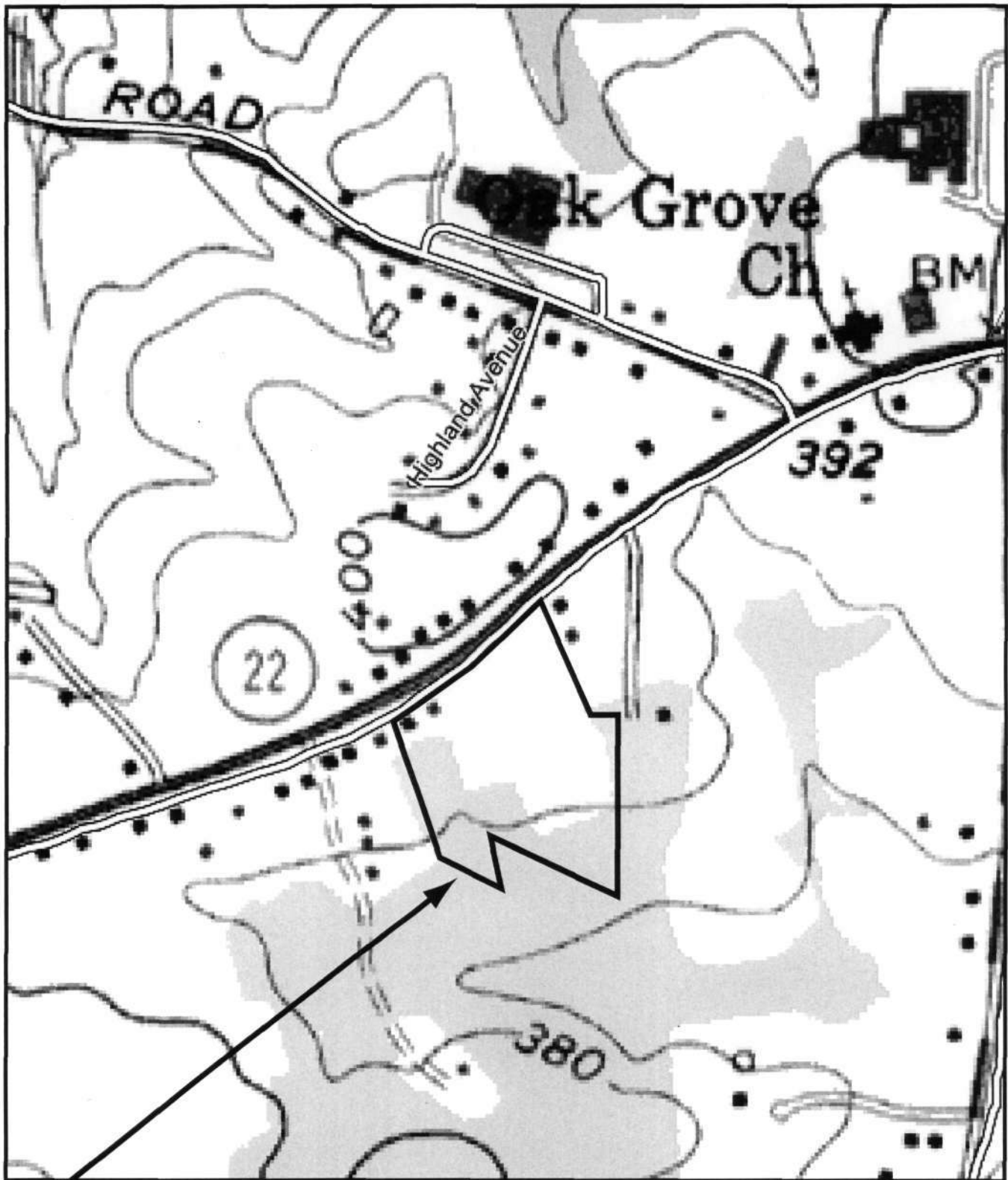
Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Maryland Property Records (SDAT)  
City, town: <http://mdlandrec.net>  
Liber 09559/Folio 00467  
Tax Map 0042 Tax Parcel 003 Tax ID Number: 068803

## **Section 6: Classification**

Category: Site  
Ownership: Private  
Current Function: Vacant/Not In Use  
Resource Count: 1 Non-Contributing Site

## **Section 7: Description**

The property where the mid-nineteenth-century vernacular house stood is currently vacant.



1927 Churchville Road (HA-1263)

Harford County, MD

Bel Air, USGS Topographic Map, 1956, Revised 1986

EHT Traceries, 2012



HA-1263

RUSSELL WILGIS HOUSE SITE

1927 CHURCHVILLE ROAD

BEL AIR, MD

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6/2012

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